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Memorandum for: Deputy Director of Personnel for  
Special Projects

Chief, Administrative Law Division,  
Office of General Counsel

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Legislation Division, Office of  
Legislative Liaison

Subject: State Department report on H.R. 5197

1. Attached for your review and comment is the State Department's report on H.R. 5197, a bill affecting certain allowances and benefits of Foreign Service and other personnel who serve abroad. A copy of H.R. 5197 is also attached for your convenience. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has requested the Agency's views on this report by Friday, 1 June 1984.

2. H.R. 5197 proposes modifications to many important Foreign Service allowances and benefits, such as employee relocation expenses, transportation expenses, overseas differential and allowances, and extension of the Hostage Relief Act. For the most part, the State report lacks a clear statement of support or opposition to many of the bills provisions. In this regard, I note that State Department takes a somewhat equivocal position on retroactive annuity rights for former Foreign Service spouses at pages 8 and 9 of the report. Despite the lack of a clear statement, State apparently supports this bill with the qualifications noted in its comments.

3. Please provide me with your comments on State's report so that our office may respond to OMB on a timely basis.

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#### Attachments

cc: Terry Cronin

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